

GDLC Board Meeting 4.16.2024 – **APPROVED 5/28/24**

Opening

Opening prayer by Steve Junge. Devotion by Wendy: Be a Person of Powerful Prayer.

Call to Order

Steve called the meeting to order at 6:38pm. Board members present were Steve Junge, Martha Raecker, Wendy Kropf, Ethan Muench, Jacque Thole, Melissa Woodruff, Nick Bass, and Craig Dueker. Also present were Pastor Ben and Executive Director Chris Thomson. Stefani was absent.

Consent Agenda and Minutes

Jacque motioned to approve March 2024 minutes, Martha seconded. Motion passed.

Reports

Senior Pastor (Pastor Ben)

- Holy Week flowed very well. Parking was difficult at 0900 services, as both services were at capacity. Logistics will be reviewed to find options in future.
- Summer Serve Event, June 2 launch. Kitchen Ministry will be selling goodies.
- Call Committee: Kurt Zimmermann elected as chair. Only one pastor nomination received so far. Waiting on IDW list. A couple LCMS churches have put forth names.
- Senior Adult Hangout Q&A on April 11 was well attended with 65 people. May do this event quarterly.
- Possible job role for Pastor Joe with Focus on Missional Engagement with senior adults. Possibly incorporating Missional Pathway discipleship. GDLC might host a regional launch of this.
- A regular preaching schedule will resume this summer, with one Pastor in each space.

Executive Director (Chris Thomson)

- Allison will be caught up on Financials next week.
- Year-to-date giving first quarter 2024 is slightly behind 2023, but nothing concerning (approx. 2.9%).
- DeVries Outdoors refunded GDLC \$1,000 from snow removal costs. Chris looking at other companies for next year.
- Signed new agreement with DART to use GDLC for bus stop. Allocating 10 parking spots but no more monthly payments.
- 2024 Pledges: Up 7.6% from 2023.

Financials (Martha Raecker)

- No additional info until financials caught up.

Current Discussion and/or Action Items

Associate Pastor Call

- (Covered in above section)

Congregation Voting Process

- Process isn't structured in great detail in Constitution, By-laws or Policy Manual.
- Steve's proposal: Put a control in place to receive their ballot. Ballot would not need signed if membership was confirmed to receive the ballot. This preserves anonymity. Similar to a polling place.
- Board will consider the logistics of implementation and check how other churches similar to GDLC handle votes.

Congregational Listening Post

- Member wondered about providing a preaching schedule - Board discussed pros/cons

Housekeeping

Staff Birthdays: None in May

Volunteer May Devotion: Nick

Next Meeting May 21, 2024

Adjournment

Steve adjourned meeting with Lord's Prayer at 8:11pm.

Respectfully submitted by Wendy Kropf.